

Present Progressive and Prepositions of Place- Mix and Match

Instructions for teachers

*There are two versions of this activity. The first one is given on one page to save paper and photocopying. However, the mix or match activity is usually best done as a whole book, with each page cut into flaps which are turned separately to make good and bad matches. This makes it similar to the many mix and match books in which the reader makes people, monsters, etc with odd matches of head, body and legs, or something like the classic book *Do You Like Ketchup on Your Cornflakes?**

There are also a few possible activities, but the best is usually to get one student to make a wrong, funny or crazy match and then for one or more other students to make it more correct/ sensible while keeping as many parts the same as they can. All the options have at least one sensible match and at least one silly match.

To make a book, you need to staple the pages together on one side, perhaps after adding a cover, and then cut along the dotted lines. You could also add suitable pictures to some or all flaps, but doing it without pictures means that students will have to concentrate more on the meaning of the words.

After reading, students could draw suitable pictures on their own copy of the book. Another option is for each student to draw one picture of their favourite silly combination, instead of drawing pictures for every page.

They could also make their own versions of this mix and match activity, perhaps keeping the same starters but changing the other columns/ cards/ flaps.

Single page version

Make combinations of words from the different columns below, see if your partner accepts them, and if not see if they can make the combinations better by just changing one or two parts.

I'm You're/ You are He's/ He is She's/ She is The robot's/ The robot is The cat's/ The cat is We're/ We are The boy and girl are The spiders are The teacher is The babies are	- not -n't	cooking lunch eating fishing jumping reading a comic rollerblading shopping sitting sleeping snorkelling standing watching television wearing pants	in on under next to behind in front of near	me. the bedroom. the garden. the house. the park. the restaurant. the sea. the shower. the supermarket. the swimming pool. the toilet. the whiteboard.
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I'm

cooking lunch

in

the restaurant.

You're

eating

on

me.

He's

fishing

under

me.

She's

jumping

next to

the toilet.

The robot's

reading a comic

behind

the bedroom.

The cat's

rollerblading

in front of

the supermarket.

We're

shopping

in

the park.

The boy and girl are

sitting

on

the sea.

The spiders are

sleeping

under

the house.

I'm not

snorkelling

next to

the shower.

The teacher isn't

standing

in front of

the whiteboard.

We aren't

watching television

behind

the swimming pool.

The babies aren't

wearing pants

near

the garden.